



CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

**OAHU REAL PROPERTY TAX
ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Commissioners:
Ray Kamikawa, Chair
Scott Higashi, Vice Chair
Amy Hirano
Natalie Iwasa
Joy Kimura
Earl Mente
Matthew Pennaz

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR AUDIO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
2ND FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

The time references below indicate the point in the audio recording when the stated actions began.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Kamikawa at 1:30 p.m. Commissioners Kamikawa, Higashi, Hirano, Iwasa, Kimura, Mente, and Pennaz were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

WELCOME BY COMMISSION CHAIR

[1:30 p.m.]

At this juncture, Commission Chair Kamikawa welcomed the Commissioners at the meeting. Commission Chair Kamikawa went over general housekeeping matters relating to conduct at the meeting.

ORAL TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS

[1:32 p.m.][2 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa requested testimony on all the items on the Agenda. Commission Chair Kamikawa asked for testifiers to present testimony. Commission Chair Kamikawa noted that the Commission hoped to have testimony from a representative of the Managing Director's Office, but that no representatives were present.

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[1:33 p.m.][3 minute mark]

Reb Bellinger presented testimony.

[1:38 p.m.][8 minute mark]

Dennis Tanimoto presented testimony.

[1:41 p.m.][11 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa asked for questions for the testifier. Commissioners Mente, Higashi, Hirano, and Iwasa asked questions to the testifier.

[1:49 p.m.][19 minute mark]

Andrew Rosen presented testimony.

[1:55 p.m.][25 minute mark]

Commissioners Hirano, Higashi, and Mente asked questions to the testifier.

[1:59 p.m.][29 minute mark]

Nathaniel Kinney presented testimony.

Commissioners Iwasa and Kimura asked questions to the testifier.

[2:06 p.m.][36 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa called for other testifiers wishing to testify. Testimony concluded.

NEW BUSINESS

[2:07 p.m.][37 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa requested reports on updates from the three special committees that met in between the Commission's regular meetings. Commission Chair Kamikawa requested to first proceed with the valuation committee.

Commissioner Iwasa, the chair of the valuation committee, provided an update on the valuation committee's findings.

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[2:10 p.m.][40 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa thanked Commissioner Iwasa for the report and asked for questions from the other commissioners.

Commission Chair Kamikawa requested a report from the classifications and rates committee from Commissioner Kimura, the chair of the classifications and rates committee.

Commissioner Kimura presented the report from the classifications and rates committee.

Commission Chair Kamikawa thanked Commissioner Kimura for the report and asked for questions from the other commissioners.

Commission Chair Kamikawa requested a report from the credits and exemptions committee from Commissioner Pennaz, the chair of the credits and exemptions committee.

Commissioner Pennaz presented the report from the credits and exemptions committee.

[2:11 p.m.][41 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa opened up discussion on recommendations from the subcommittees to be approved at the final meeting of the Commission.

[2:12 p.m.][42 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa opened up discussion on the recommendations of the valuation committee.

Discussion was held among the Commissioners.

[2:20 p.m.][50 minute mark]

Gary Kurokawa, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, entered the room and was called to be available for questions.

Discussion was held among the Commissioners and Mr. Kurokawa.

[2:37 p.m.][1 hr. 7 minute mark]

Testimony and discussion concluded with Mr. Kurokawa.

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[2:38 p.m.][1 hr. 8 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa exited the room. Commission Vice Chair Scott Higashi resumed discussion in Commission Chair Kamikawa's absence.

[2:40 p.m.][1 hr. 10 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa re-entered the room.

Commission Chair Kamikawa opened up discussion on recommendations from the classifications and rates committee.

Discussion was held among the Commissioners.

[2:45 p.m.][1 hr. 15 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa opened up discussion on recommendations from the credits and exemptions committee.

Commission Chair Kamikawa first proceeded with discussion on recommendations for credit unions.

[2:47 p.m.][1 hr. 17 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa announced deferrals of Bill 30 (2019), Bill 33 (2019), Bill 3 (2019), and for profit child care centers.

Discussion was held among the Commissioners regarding historic residential real property dedicated for preservation.

[2:50 p.m.][1 hr. 20 minute mark]

Discussion was held among the Commissioners regarding historic commercial real property dedicated for preservation.

[2:52 p.m.][1 hr. 22 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa announced deferrals of several topics, including Central Kaka'ako industrial zone limited development, Bill 23 (2019), credits for redevelopment of low income areas using expanded opportunity zone low income designated areas, accessory dwelling unit property tax exemption incentives similar to Bill 63 (2018) to encourage development of workforce housing, and splitting ROH Section 8-10.10 in two parts.

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Discussion was held among the Commissioners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[3:07 p.m.][1 hr. 37 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa announced the next meeting of the full Commission scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council committee room, at which the committees will approve its final Commission report to the Council before its December 1 deadline.

Commission Chair Kamikawa asked for any other announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and no objections, Commission Chair Kamikawa adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming.